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CHARLESTON, IL (April 14, 1987)--Fourteen Eastern Illinois University student-athletes have been selected as recipients of the Presidents' All-Academic Award for 1987, the Gateway Conference has announced.

To be named a Presidents' All-Academic winner, a student-athlete must present a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or better on the 4.0 scale. Honorable mention is awarded to student-athletes who achieve a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.79. The grade point average criteria for the Gateway's "all-academic team" is the highest of any conference in the country.

Eastern has four members of the Presidents' All-Academic team. They are: senior swimmer CONNIE WIECK (MARSHALL), sophomore volleyball player LAURA BRUCE (LAGRANGE-LYONS), sophomore football player MIKE ALTEKRUSE (CARBONDALE) and sophomore track runner MARCY NOVAK (CHAMPAIGN-MAHOMET SEYMOUR).

Ten others from EIU received honorable mention. They are: sophomore track runner LESLIE WEYLAND (INDIANAPOLIS, IN-ARGENTA OREANA), junior track runner KERRY SPERRY (LITCHFIELD), freshman volleyball player SUE SCHAMBERGER (LENA-WINSLOW), senior softball player CINDY STREID (ST. JOSEPH-S.J. OGDEN), senior track runner JANINE JARRIS (ST. CHARLES), freshman volleyball player DONNA SICHER (OAK FOREST), sophomore track jumper TINA DAWSON (MULKEYTOWN-SESSER VALIER), junior softball player SARA KARCHER (WAYNE CITY), freshman tennis player GRETCHEN FAGEN (HOMEWOOD-MARIAN CATHOLIC) and sophomore softball player MARY JO MCCARTHY (PICKERING, ONTARIO, CANADA).

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"We're always pleased that we can place several athletes on the all-academic team," said Associate Athletic Director Joan Schmidt. "We feel that we have good representatives who are indicative of the type of athletes that we recruit at Eastern Illinois."

A record total of 130 student-athletes from all 10 schools were selected. The sport of track and field, which included cross country, had the most recipients with 29 honorees. Football was second with 25 recipients and volleyball third with 20.